

From the desk of:
Hon. Chad C. Airhart

July 27, 2011

Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I'm sure you'll agree that one of our nation's top communications priorities should be delivering the same cutting edge technology to all people, **regardless of geography**. As the former executive director of Iowa's fastest growing city, and currently an elected official for rural Dallas County, Iowa, this issue is very important to me.

President Obama has codified this goal in his "National Broadband Plan." A case before you now, Docket No. 11-65, will unquestionably be central to our progress in that regard. I support the AT&T /T-Mobile merger because combining these two service providers will ultimately benefit an additional 55 million Americans, who will have mobile broadband service following the merger.

The combination makes the best possible use of the nation's dwindling spectrum, as AT&T and T-Mobile have highly compatible networks. Because the sum will be of greater value than the parts, the benefits will be realized much more quickly and efficiently. And the resulting LTE capability will ensure that next-generation applications in marketing, medicine, education, etc., provide the best value to small towns and rural areas.

The implications of this merger are far-reaching. Your ruling on this matter is not just about the telecom industry; it is about economic development and a better life for many people across the country. With that in mind, I urge you to consent to the merger request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chad C. Airhart", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Chad Airhart, Dallas County Recorder

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Commissioners Mignon Clyburn, Michael Copps and Robert McDowell